



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Mr. Jones:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to amend 21 CFR 101.22(h), setting standards for use of the terms "natural flavor" or "natural flavoring" on food labels was received by this office on 11/22/99. It was assigned docket number 99P-5106/CP 1 and it was filed on 11/24/99. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lyle D. Jaffe", is written over the typed name.

Lyle D. Jaffe
Dockets Management Branch

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